Alleppey had been using this place as a recreation ground and as a pleasure resort. But recently, the Revenue Department had leased out the eastern portion of the ground to a private body for a period of 25 years. The Municipality was not consulted at all in the matter. But the Municipal Council and the public of Alleppey had protested against the action of the Revenue authorities in the matter. But it was regrettable that the Government did not take any action in the matter.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Anirudhan, the original intention of Government was that the water supply question for Alleppey should lie over till the Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme was completed. At present the Chief Engineer is carrying on an investigatson to see whether water can be got from some place within a short distance of Alleppey.

The investigation for the electrification of the Alleppey town has been sanctioned and it is hoped that the report will be ready in a few months.

Matters of public health, opening of a maternity hospital, etc., are those with which your Municipality should be concerned. The Medical Entomologist is carrying on malarial and filarial survey in other parts of the State and he will come to Alleppey in due course. The formation of a Health Unit at Alleppey depends partly on the success of the scheme which is being tried at Neyyattinkara and partly on finances. I hope very much that this scheme will be developed.

I hope to come to Alleppey myself next month and then I will be able to look into the other question that you have raised.

70. Certain urgent needs of Kottar (Nanjinad).

MR. R. BHAGAVATIPERUMAL CHETTIYAR (*Trading Classes, Kottar*) first urged the need for removing the cremation ground at Kottar situated on the eastern bank of the Parakkai channel. The cremation ground was situated in a thickly populated place and was a source of annoyance to the inhabitants there. No day passed without a dead body being burnt there. Several resolutions had been passed by the Nagercoil Municipal Council in the matter and the subject was passed at successive sessions of the Assembly also. No further time should be lost in complying with this long standing request.

The member next spoke about the need for removing the fish market from the Kottar Bazaar. This market was also situated in a thickly populated place and was the source of an ever-lasting stench. The merchants and the local inhabitants were consequently put to much annoyance and inconvenience. On account of its insanitary condition, it was the cause of cholera and other epidemics every year. A local inspection would convince anybody of the need for removing this to a distant and thinly populated place and as a matter of fact several officers had recommended its removal. Non-vegetarians who resorted to this market came from distant places and therefore no in convenience would be caused to them by its removal.

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The widening of the Kottar Chengunda Mudaliyar village road was another urgent need. This was a branch road taking off from the Cape road and was a path much frequented by merchants and others for going to the local Anchal and Post Offices and the bazaar. Vehicular traffic also was heavy. During the rainy weather the road was flooded by the drainage water and consequently, the merchants were put to much hardship and inconvenience in loading and unloading their goods. Besides being narrow, it was in a low level. Hence the volume of rain water accumulating there was large. Mr. T. Raghaviah, a former Dewan, had visited the place during the rainy weather and was convinced of the need for widening it, and he told the people that action would be taken to widen it and as an immediate step the northern wall of the Tobacco Bankshall would be demolished. But nothing further was done. The work should be begun without further delay and the road extended up to Terur.

The *kal* running along the southern side of the Kottar Tobacco Bankshall should be diverted. This was always full of sewage and unwholesome water and was giving out a perpetual steneh. The people on the sides of the drain were using it as a pathway also. This was very inconvenient and unhealthy. The Municipality had already moved in the matter but no action was taken to divert the *kal*. The Government should take up the matter and do the needful without further delay.

Lastly, the member said that the rules regarding the weights and measures should be strictly enforced. If standard weights and measures were not used, the people as well as the merchants would be put to much loss. Stringent orders should therefore be issued to the authorities concerned for strictly enforcing the provisions of the Weights and Measures Regulation.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Chettiyar, the removal of the fish market from its present site has been dropped; but arrangements have been made to keep the fish market in good sanitary condition.

The Municipal Council is still considering the question of removing the cremation ground. The question of uniform standards of measures will be taken up at the time of the next Settlement.

The question of enforcing the Weights and Measures Regulation will be considered.

Your request for widening and extending the road to Terur will be too costly. The work will cost about Rs. 50,000.

MEMBER: பணத்தை மட்டும் கவனித்தால் ஜனங்கள் கஷ்டப் படுவார்கள்.

DEWAN: The question of the diversion of the *odai* has not been recommended by the Council.

71. Needs of Nanjinad.

MR. A. RAMASWAMY NADAR (*Nominated*) said that the people in Aramboli, Chempakaramanputur and other places were suffering from scarcity of water for drinking and irrgation purposes. The Toval a

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